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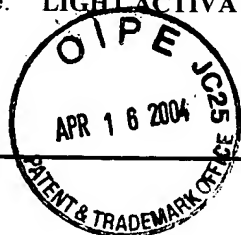
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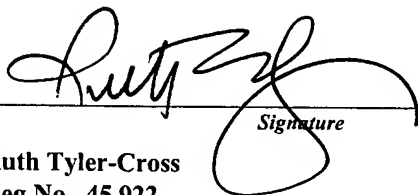
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 03/17/2004, Applicant hereby elects the Group II claims 14-25, with traverse, for further examination. Group II claims are those directed to a method of fabricating a tailored artificial conduit.

This selection of the Group II claims for examination is made with traverse. Applicant submits that the Group II claims describe a method of fabricating a tailored, artificial conduit comprising the steps of: impregnating a matrix with uncured photoactivatable resin, thereby forming an impregnated matrix material; positioning the impregnated matrix material at a site of interest; and then exposing the impregnated material to radiant energy to cure the resin. This method forms a "tailored artificial conduit" at the site of interest (lines 7-8 of claim 14). The Group I claims of the application recite a "tailored artificial conduit" comprising matrix material impregnated with a polymeric resin that is cured by exposure to radiant energy. Applicant submits that carrying out the method of claims 14-25 results in a "tailored artificial conduit" as recited in claims 1-13, and thus examination of the two claim sets together would not place an undue burden on the Examiner.

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Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1-25 of the application together.

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Respectfully submitted,

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